GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ROAD SAFETY ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to increase the road safety along the National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the works assigned and taken up in Tamil Nadu at present;

(d) the details of the funds allocated and released to the State; and

(e) the details of the total number of projects taken up and the approximate time frame within which the proposed projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Increasing road safety is a continuous process which involves engineering and managerial efforts like ensuring proper road engineering aspects, road widening, improvement of road geometrics, road markings and signages, training, awareness campaign, enforcement, publicity campaigns on Road Safety, Road Safety equipments, refresher training to heavy vehicle drivers in un-organised sector.

(c): 75 road improvement works costing Rs.144.60 crores were in progress as on 31st March, 2001 and another 25 works costing Rs.46.66 crores have been sanctioned from 1st April, 2001 till date in Tamil Nadu. In addition, 8 ambulances were given to 7 State Transport Undertakings, 2 ambulances to an NGO and 5 portable weigh bridges were provided in Tamil Nadu.

(d): An amount of Rs.135.28 crores have been allocated to Tamil Nadu for development and maintenance of National Highways during 2001-2002. The allocated amount is released on receipt of bills.

(e): All these works are targeted to be completed by March, 2002.